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Report of plague denied.

[Cablegram.]

CADIZ, SPAIN, *November 29, 1899.*

Secretary of Treasury, Washington, United States: Civil governor states supposed case of bubonic plague proves not to be such.—CARROLL.

TURKEY.

Reports from Constantinople.

[Report No. 232.]

SANITARY CONDITION OF TURKEY.—CHOLERA IN BASSORAH.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *November 9, 1899.*

The sanitary news from the provinces of the Turkish Empire is good. I do not mean Bassorah, where cholera has made its appearance as I have already reported. The last sanitary news forwarded by the sanitary physician of the latter place states that cholera is spreading. Cholera cases have been registered at Kurna, Shooan, and what is worse at Sook-el shoo-yookh, Nassirieh on the Euphrates, and at Amara on the Tigris. We owe, I may say, said spread to the carelessness of the local authorities which have made such an opposition to the ex-sanitary physician of that place and have obliged, as I have already reported, the sanitary board to appoint him to Abu Saad in the Red Sea.

I inclose a French copy of the telegrams wired from Bassorah concerning the cholera epidemic in said place.

The sanitary reports received from Djiddah state that during the month of May last, 153 deaths were registered in said town; 77 deaths during the month of June; 78 during the month of July, and 63 during the month of September. Among the 77 deaths registered in June, 23 were of poor pilgrims who could not return to their own country on account of their poverty. The disease which has caused the larger number of deaths is dysentery. Its cause is obvious, as I have already written about the bad quality of water of Djiddah.

DENGUE AND TYPHOID FEVER AT ADALIA.

The sanitary physician of Adalia reports under date of September 20 that there are some cases of typhoid fever and a wide-spread epidemic of dengue fever. During the month of August there were some cases of scarlet fever and measles which have disappeared. It is announced from Trebizonde that whooping cough is prevailing there. The health in Aleppo is rather good according to the sanitary report received from said town where during the month of August, 74 deaths were registered. In Jaffa during the same month only 26 deaths were registered.

SANITARY NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPALITY OF SAMOS.

Dr. A. Stamatiadis, the sanitary physician in the island of Samos, reports that having exposed to His Highness the Prince of Samos the very imperfect condition of the sanitary service which exists in said principality, the Prince has issued a decree, according to which the mayors of the different communes will provide the physicians who